



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 8 December 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

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Present:

- Mr Hone Albert
- Ms Hari Benevides
- Mr Thomas Curtis
- Mr Peter Richardson
- Mr Pai Maraku
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Ms Katarina Hina
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Cr Cath Ash

In attendance:

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
- Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Peter Richardson performed the opening Karakia.

Mr Chris Shenton was selected to chair the meeting as the Chair and Deputy Chair were not available.

Mr T Steedman/ Mr Richardson. Carried.

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/035** **File Ref**

That apologies from Mr Pahia Turia, Mr Richard Steedman, Ms Barbara Ball and Mr Mark Grey be received and also from Cr Soraya Peke-Mason.

Mr Curtis / Ms Benevides. Carried.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/036** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting held on 13 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

- Delete Hone Albert – as being present at the last meeting.

Mr Richardson / Mr Curtis. Carried.

5 Chair's report

As the Chair was not at the meeting His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson gave an update about some of the events in Rangitikei District including the imminent closure of Turakina Māori Girls College at the end of January 2016. He noted people understood the decision by the Ministry of Education was made based on the drop in the number of students. The Old Girls Group says 'the school is sleeping' and will return.

In regards to the June flood event, the FAR (Funding Assistance Rate) for Emergency Works to repair damaged roading infrastructure is likely to be 91% but Council is still holding out for 95% subsidy.

The former Criterion Hotel in Bulls has been demolished and Heritage New Zealand raised a couple of concerns.

His Worship the Mayor is looking forward to the Ratana Anniversary Celebrations on 24 January, 2016.

Mr McNeil noted the legacy of risk in two communities that have been hit by multiple extreme weather events: Kauangaroa and Whangaehu. Some resolution to this issue needs to be found. Ms Hina commented that in Whangaehu, the community was very aware of the need to look for long term solutions.

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti noted that Council had confirmed decisions from its meeting on 29 October 2015, with respect to the funding granted to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust and the Komiti's request that Council considers how it may support iwi/hapu/Māori engagement in the implementation of the regional growth study.

Komiti members noted a recent hui in at the Chateau in Ohakune with representatives from Te Kahui Tupua. The lack of Iwi representation was questioned. It was noted by Ms Hina where there are opportunities to have conversations and communication Iwi should be invited to attend. His Worship the Mayor said the Council was not aware of the meeting either.

The next step for the Regional Growth Study implementation is to set up Hui around eight work stream areas and Iwi representation will be sought. Rangitikei District Council will be mirroring this at a local level and also identifying issues that are District specific.

7 Update from Council (October-November 2015)

Mr McNeil elaborated on items included in the update of Council's decisions at its October-November 2015. There was particular discussion in regards to landfill costs which the Komiti felt could lead to fly-tipping. Ms Hina outlined that in Kauangaroa, steps had been taken to identify those who fly-tipped. She would welcome a bi-lingual signage initiative to discourage people at known tipping places. Komiti members acknowledged the issues around land-fill and expressed wishes to see alternative forms of waste disposal with an emphasis on recycling. Komiti members were told these are options to discuss during review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2017/18.

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That the report 'Update from Council (October-November 2015)' be received.

Mr Richardson / Ms Hina. Carried.

8 Update on landlocked land

His Worship the Mayor updated Komiti noting while there is to be a pilot programme, it will not be in this District. Māori Development Minister Flavell is aware access routes are required and Rangitikei District probably has the largest landlocked land issue in the country. The Crown has put a budget towards the issue. This is positive.

9 Discussion document for Māori community development programme 2016/2017 and 2017/18

Ms Servante presented her report on community development. Discussion took place and Ms Servante will reflect the points raised in her report to the Komiti in February.

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That the report 'Discussion document for Māori community development programme 2016/2017 and 2017/18' be received.

Ms Hina / Mr Steedman. Carried.

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That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa provide guidance to Council staff on its aspirations for the Māori Community development programme as discussed and requests a report on options for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 programmes at its meeting in February 2016.

Ms Benevides / Ms Hina. Carried.

10 Heritage Strategy

Komiti members discussed the draft Heritage Strategy recognising that it created opportunities to share pre-colonial history within Rangitikei.

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That the Heritage Strategy Draft be received.

Ms Benevides / Mr Curtis. Carried.

11 Update on Path to Well-being Initiative – December 2015

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That the 'Update on Path to Well-being Initiative – December 2015' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Mr Curtis. Carried.

12 Late Items

There were no late items.

13 Date of next meeting

9 February 2016 at 10.00 am – in the Council Chamber unless otherwise notified.

14 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

15 Karakia

Mr Hone Albert performed the Karakia.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: